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Application No.: 10/696,174
Examiner: S. Gherbi

Remarks

Claims 52-69 are presented for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1-51 are canceled. Claims 52-69 have been added. Applicant believes the claim additions and the accompanying remarks herein serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability. No new matter has been added.

Specification Objection

The specification was objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In response and to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant has canceled claims 1-51 thereby rendering the objection moot. Applicant submits that new claims 52-69 are fully supported by the specification.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 8-9, 11, 13, 16, 28, and 34-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 8-9, 11, 13, 16, 34, 36-42, and 45-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2004/0102758 to Davila et al. ("Davila"). Claims 28, 34, 35, 40, 41, and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Davila in view of U.S. Patent No. 2005/0261283 to Sukhatme ("Sukhatme"). Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Davila in view of Sukhatme and further in view of EP 1262153 to Repetto ("Repetto"). In response, Applicant has canceled these claims rendering these rejections moot. It should be understood that the claim cancellations are being made to expedite prosecution and should not be construed that the claims are not patentable over the cited references.

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New Claims

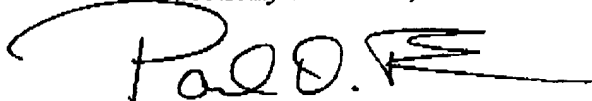
Applicant has added new claims 52-69. Support for these new claims may be found throughout the specification. As a starting point, Applicant respectfully directs the examiner's attention to the allowed claims of priority documents: Patent Nos. 6,475,235 and 6,746,478.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If any questions remain regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

A fee of \$455 is believed to be due for the Request for Continued Examination and a one (1) month extension of time. The fee is being submitted herewith along with PTO-2038, Credit Card Payment Form. Please charge any additional fees (or credit overpayments) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 503410 (Docket No. 795-A03-004).

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